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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2013, at 12 noon.

Senate

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2013

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Divine Master, You are the center of our joy. Let Your benediction rest upon our Senators as they strive to bring their stewardship in line with the destiny You desire for their lives. Lord, make them channels of Your grace, empowering them to serve our land in the spirit of children rejoicing in doing Your will. Replenish their limited human resources with strength from Your limitless reservoir of grace. Remind them You will not ask them to do more than You will provide the strength to accomplish.

Fill this day with unexpected surprises of Your mercy and love.

We pray in Your powerful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable PATRICK J. LEAHY led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 47, the Violence Against Women Act. The time until 5:30 p.m. will be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees.

At 5:30 there will be several rollcall votes in relation to amendments to the bill. Right now there are up to seven rollcall votes remaining. We don't know if that, in fact, will take place. I have been advised that National Airport has been closed off and on during the day, or at least flights haven't been coming in because of some kind of a weather problem, low-hanging clouds. We have had a number of calls from Senators who are saying they may not be able to be here. I will keep in touch with the Republican leader and we will go from there.

The way things are scheduled now, we have up to seven rollcall votes starting at 5:30 today. We are going to complete work on the Violence Against Women Act, or hope we can do that, tonight. We are going to have the State of the Union tomorrow and we hope on Wednesday and/or Thursday we will be able to finish the Hagel nomination.

There has never in the history of the country been a filibuster on a Defense Secretary, and I am confident there won't be on this one. I am told the committee will report this matter out tomorrow, and we will move this to the Senate floor as quickly as possible.

We have a work period, and when we get back we will try to complete the National Security Director, Mr. Brennan, and we will move on to Mr. Lew,

who will be the Secretary of the Treasury.

We have some votes, and we will line up this week what we are going to do when we get back after the work period we have at home for 5 days.

I look forward to a productive night. I hope we can complete these votes, because there are people working very hard on this, not the least of which has been the President pro tempore, the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, who has worked on this matter for a number of years. I hope we can complete this very quickly.

The Chair may announce the business of the day.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KAINE). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2013

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 47, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 47) to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the time until 5:30 p.m. will be equally divided between the two leaders or their designees.

The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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